

Special Revenue Funds

Project Descriptions

General Government

Cable Equipment Grants \$245,000

Capital equipment grant funds are based on the City's franchise agreements with Comcast, RCN (formerly Starpower), and Verizon. The Comcast grant provides a fixed amount on an annual basis over the life of the 15-year franchise agreement. The RCN and Verizon grants are based on a percentage of revenues. The monies are earmarked for capital expenditures to support the City's access channel. In FY 2012, funds will be expended on the continued digital upgrades, and fiber connectivity.

Bank Charges for Special Revenue Funds \$500

Operating transfer from General Fund to pay for bank charges for maintenance of Special Revenue Funds account.

Housing and Community Development

Crossroads Farmer's Market \$31,500

Bi-lingual marketing and educational initiative designed to improve access to fresh and locally grown foods, increase awareness of the nutritional benefits of fresh food and to promote use of WIC and food stamps for fresh food. Funding provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, administered by the Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs (PY36-37).

Manna Food Center Food Distribution \$5,000

Programming provides for the weekly distribution of food to low and moderate income households and to elementary school students. Funding provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, administered by the Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs (PY35 and PY36).

Community Legacy Grant (2011) – Historic Takoma, Inc. \$62,500

Project provides for the renovation of Historic Takoma, Inc.'s Takoma Junction headquarters. Funds were awarded by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development through its Community Legacy Program (FY 2011).

Community Legacy Grant (2011) – Main Street Façade Grants \$41,500

Provision of façade grants for commercial buildings located within the Main Street Takoma area. Funds were awarded by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, through its Community Legacy Program (FY 2011).

Commercial Façade Easement Program \$60,000

Purchase of easements from qualified commercial property owners for various façade improvements, sign repair and replacement, and other related site improvements in CDBG eligible census tracts. Funding is provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, and administered by the Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs. (PY37)

Safe Routes to School \$117,310

Implementation of a variety of initiatives designed to increase the number of school age children who walk to and from school. Programming includes consultant services, pedestrian counts, bicycle and pedestrian workshops and other educational programming. Funding provided by the Maryland Highway Safety Program's Safe Routes to School Program (Program Year B, C and D).

Public Works

Community Legacy Grant (2010) – Piney Branch \$50,000

Grant funds awarded in support of the renovation of a commercial building located in Long Branch gateway to the City at the corner of Flower Avenue and Piney Branch Road. Eligible expenditures include

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façade improvements, green expenditures and pedestrian facilities improvements. Funding provided by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development through its Community Legacy Program (FY 2010).

Safe Routes to School **\$135,500**

Program includes funding for the design and construction of sidewalks identified in the Missing Sidewalk Study. Funding awarded by the Maryland Highway Safety Program's Safe Routes to School Program.(Program Year D)

Energy Efficiency Grant Project **\$120,000**

The City has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$93,000 from the Maryland Energy Administration. The grant funding, supplemented by City funds of \$27,000 for design services, will be used to make energy efficient improvements to the Takoma Park Community Center. This project will entail the replacement of the existing Community Center chiller system with a high efficiency chiller and two air handling units. Programmable thermostats will be added for five existing roof top heat pump units.

Recreation

Recreation Department Scholarships **\$6,000**

Funding provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for need-based scholarships for before and/or after school care. Program administered by the Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs (PY35).

Ziegler Park **\$80,000**

Restoration of the field area of Ziegler Park. Partial funding (\$60,000) provided by the State of Maryland, Department of Natural Resources, Program Open Space Program. City matching funds of \$20,000.

Police

Homeland Security Grant – FFY 2009 SHSGP **\$11,343**

This FFY 2009 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) funding from the Federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS), is allocated to the State of Maryland, then sub-granted to Montgomery County and shared with the City by Memorandum of Understanding. Projects earmarked by the Police Department for these funds include a mobile fingerprint identification system used to identify known offenders in a field setting, and a wireless video surveillance camera system useful in addressing chronic problems in locations in which tactical surveillance is not a viable option. This grant was in the FY 2011 budget, but the funds were not expended in that year. Some of the equipment was loaned to the City by Montgomery County, pending technology development that will allow us to purchase upgraded models in the coming year.

Homeland Security Grant – FFY 2010 SHSGP **\$7,540**

FFY 2010 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) funding from DHS, is distributed via the State and Montgomery County. The Police Department has indicated its intent to spend the funds on ballistic rifle plates providing a limited level of protection in certain tactical situations against rifled weapons. The funds will go towards the purchase of five sets of body armor.

Byrne Justice Assistance Grant FFY 2009 Award **\$12,782**

The amount of \$12,782 is the FFY 2009 award funds that were not expended in FY 2011. Remaining funds in this award will be used to cover the costs of the salary and fringe benefits for a half-time research and planning position in the Police Department. The employee coordinates policy development and implementation.

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Byrne Justice Assistance Grant FFY 2010 Award

\$14,132

Funds will be used in FY 2012 to pay the costs of the salary and fringe benefits for a half-time research and planning position in the Police Department. This employee coordinates policy development and implementation.

Gang Initiative – Montgomery County

\$24,434

The City entered into an agreement with Montgomery County to assign one officer to this program in FY 2011, for a period of one year. Funding was provided via an earmark to the University of Maryland Public Safety Training and Technical Assistance Program. The funding covers the position starting October 1, 2010 and extends through the first quarter of FY 2012.